

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

FILTY CONDITION OF THE STREETS.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

Municipal Affairs.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
The Board held their eighth meeting of the June session last evening—Abraham Wakeman, Esq., President pro tem, in the chair.

The petition of John Calven and others, residents of the Sixteenth ward, to be organized as a fire engine company, in place of Engine Company No. 16, lately disbanded, was granted.

DRIVING CATTLE THROUGH THE STREETS.
The petition of Alfred Pell and others, to prevent the driving of cattle through the streets of the city of New York, which they designate as a flagrant nuisance, dangerous to the lives of citizens, and ought to be forthwith prohibited by the municipal authorities. Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

ALDERMAN HOWARD OFFERED.
Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances be, and they are hereby, directed to report an ordinance at our first meeting, to be held on Monday, June 20th, in the streets during business hours.

PUBLIC BATHS.
The same petitioners pray that some portion of the water front on this island—where the water flows fresh from the ocean—be set aside for public use, and be set aside for the purpose of a public bathing place. Referred to same committee.

THE PLAN FOR AN ELEVATED RAILWAY IN BROADWAY.
A petition from Patrick O'Neill, asking the Board to grant him the privilege of exhibiting for a few weeks in the City Hall his model plans for an elevated railroad, and for the purpose of relieving Broadway, was referred to Committee on Arts and Science.

ADJOURNED.
The following resolution was offered by the Alderman of the Third ward:—That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, authorized to notify the owners of property 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

SIXTH AND EIGHTH AVENUE RAILROADS.

A communication from the Comptroller that for the month of May the following were the receipts of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroads:—

Sixth Avenue Road Company, \$22,265 17
Eighth Avenue do do 26,547 17

Total, \$48,812 34

CONTRACT FOR CLEANING THE STREETS.

Alfred Carson, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to confirm the street cleaning contracts.

Resolved, That the contracts for cleaning streets which have been accepted by the contractors, as reported by the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed by the Board.

ALDERMAN WAX TUCKER SAID: He understood the motive of the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps in holding back the contracts from the Board. He had viewed the full election, and street sweepers could not do a better job than the Board. He had seen Alderman Tucker was of opinion that the committee on contracts should have reported on them before now.

ALDERMAN HOWARD bore testimony to the cleaning of the streets of the Sixth ward. They had been done better under Mr. Glazier than he ever knew them to have been cleaned.

ALDERMAN BROWN was of opinion that the street cleaning contracts were really a paper exercise, and he hoped that the work would be left to the management of the street department.

ALDERMAN HERR contended for the confirmation of the contracts.

ALDERMAN VORHIES said that in his ward (the Ninth), Mr. Glazier had done the best he could, but that as the contractor of that ward was already a defaulter, he (Alderman Vorhies) moved to have the name of the contractor of the Ninth ward stricken from the list.

OTHER MEMBERS having taken part in the discussion, the resolution was put and adopted by a vote of twelve to seven.

STREET CLEANING CONTRACT—STATEMENT OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY WERE GIVEN OUT.

The Alderman of the Third ward offered the following communication from B. McCaffery, showing the manner in which the contracts for cleaning streets were given out:

I proposed to the Board of Aldermen contracts for cleaning the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, as follows:

District	\$8,000	Given out	\$11,800	Difference	\$2,800
First	8,000	6,000	400		
Second	8,000	9,875	4,975		
Third	8,000	7,900	500		
Fourth	8,000	7,900	500		

In justice to myself and the public, I deem it my duty to make this brief statement of the manner in which the contracts were given out, and the cause of the same. According to the terms called for in the printed specifications furnished to the bidders, the bids were to be sealed and put in sealed envelopes for cleaning the above named districts as above. This I did in good faith after a careful examination of the work to be done, with sufficient means to enable me to make a fair estimate of the work.

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statement of B. McCaffery, accompanying this resolution, be referred to the Law Committee, and that they do hereby investigate the matter and report to this Board.

ALDERMAN BLUNT moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Law Department.

ALDERMAN DAVIS moved that the whole matter be laid on the table, and the communication referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

THE CHAIRMAN declared the motion out of order.

ALDERMAN HENRIK said that this communication had been smuggled in in a manner which he condemned.

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If the companies were made responsible for the filthy condition of the streets, and if the policemen would arrest and punish the persons who are guilty of the filthy condition of the streets, the filthy condition of the streets would be removed.

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